



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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• NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION •

Newsletter of the Valley Center Neighborhood Association

VCNA EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly meeting: Tuesday, June 30th; 7:00 pm at Rush Pavilion.

VCNA-Wide Garage Sale: Saturday, June 20th.

CLEAN SWEEP 2009

Although inclement weather kept most of the neighbors away, we had 9 hardy souls participate in the 2009 CLEAN SWEEP of the VCNA. We collected over **25 old tires** in the neighborhood, along with **2 gallons of motor oil**. *Special thanks to all the neighbors who participated.*



WeTIP
WWW.WETIP.COM

Help keep our neighborhood safe - report crime to the WeTip hotline at 1-800-782-7463. It's absolutely anonymous

Notable Notes from the last Neighborhood meeting:

Signs for the neighborhood (like those around the historic neighborhoods) have been approved by the city; the exact number of signs and location will be discussed at a later date. The sample sign artwork was passed around for all to see.

A concern was expressed for the **road kill** left on the road and/or **sick wild animals** in the neighborhood. If you have an animal control problem, **call the police department at 807-1200**.

Plans for the **VCNA activities calendar** were begun:

- July - Ice cream social (looking for a host)
- Aug - Croquet tournament (looking for team leader)
- Sept - Neighborhood party (being planned)
- Oct - Trick or Treat trail (looking for a host)
- Nov - Soup progressive dinner?
- Dec - Holiday progressive dinner

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 30th; 7:00 pm at Rush Pavilion.



Are you tired of the drug traffic that seems to have gotten out of control in our neighborhood,

and want to do something about it? **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO COME HEAR WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO TAKE BACK OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO ENSURE THAT IT IS ONCE AGAIN A SAFE, QUIET PLACE TO RAISE OUR FAMILIES AND WALK OUR PETS.**

Lt. Chris Weaver from the LPD/Neighborhood Watch program will be the featured speaker at the June VCNA meeting. Lt. Weaver will be presenting how the VCNA will establish our Neighborhood Watch program. If you are tired of the drug dealers, drug traffic and shady characters that seem to have settled into our neighborhood this spring, here is your chance to help us **FIGHT BACK!** This is one of the **MOST** important issues we as a neighborhood are currently facing. We can either stand idly by while our neighborhood literally goes to pot, or we can do something about it. The majority of the meeting will be used to discuss the topic of the neighborhood watch program.

Garage Sale

VCNA Wide Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 20th**. If you would like to list your address in the add, **please send your information to our email address by June 12th**. Signs for the event will be posted throughout the area. This is not a neighborhood event, per se, so if you want to team up with your neighbors and set up a few tables in your yard or garage, by all means, that is what we are intending this event to be. It is much easier to draw people to the area with the lure of numerous sales, as opposed to one.



Grove Street Sidewalk Project

18 months after the initial awarding of \$75,000 in CDBG funds for the repair of the south side of the sidewalk on the 1400 block of Grove Street, the VCNA was notified that the job finally be going out to bid this month. This particular block is a very difficult sidewalk to replace because of the extreme grade between the sidewalk and the street. We've been informed by the city that they expect the project will be completed by late fall.

Street Lighting

As a result of the April VCNA Monthly meeting, we have requested a meeting with the Lafayette City Engineers Office to discuss the need for more street lighting to the neighborhood in light of the increased traffic in the area. As we go to press, we have not heard back from the City Engineering office on the status of our request, but rest assured that we will keep everyone updated on this issue. If you would like to have a street light added to your property or street, please contact the VCNA at ValleyCenterNA@gmail.com



Crime-free rentals



The June 2009 session of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS Tippecanoe County Rental Property Owner and Manager Training Course, "Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Properties" will be held on Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 17 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Grand Prairie Conference Room at the Tippecanoe County Building and is now open for registration.

The course is offered free of charge and advanced reservations are required. Participants who complete the 2-day evening course will receive a copy of the 200-page manual and a certificate of course completion from PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS; Pat Harrington, Tippecanoe County Prosecutor; US District Attorney, Northern District of Indiana, and the US Department of Justice. Rental property owners, managers and staff (maintenance, office, leasing) are encouraged to make their reservations for the program early, as class size is limited. Contact Kathryn Redd at KRedd@tippecanoe.in.gov Tel. 765-337-6503

Neighbor News

Neighborhood Social

Thanks to the Bangerts for hosting a great Neighborhood Friday Night Relaxer on May 8th. A great time was had by all and it's a great way to meet your neighbors. If anyone is interested in hosting a neighborhood gathering, please let us know!

New Neighborhood Addition

CALEB FITZGERALD LECY, born on April 21, 2009, Weighing 9lb. 2oz. to Janet and Jerry Lecy. Mom and Baby are both doing fine! His five older sisters are thrilled to have a brother. (Oh yeah, dad is also a little thrilled to have a son!)



Contact the VCNA:

Visit the webpage at www.valleycntr.com

What would you like to see? Send your *news, events, comments, and ideas* to ValleyCenterNA@gmail.com or call 429-5302 (John Lewandowski).

Would you like to be on our email list? Send your email address to the address above for reminders of neighborhood events and notices of last-minute additions.

Something fishy in your area? Reach the WeTip crime hotline at 1-800-782-7463